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Dear Mr. Cook:

In your letter of August 24, 1956, you refer to my letter to the Bureau of the Budget, a copy of which was sent to you on May 25th. In that letter we discussed at some length both the problems of exchange of Restricted Data between Department of Defense personnel and Q-cleared employees of this Agency and the problem of duplication in the investigation and clearance of CIA employees for access to Restricted Data.

We agree with your understanding that the recent amendment to Section 143 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 permits elimination of the difficulty we have encountered in exchanging Restricted Data with the Department of Defense. In connection with the duplication in the investigation and clearance of CIA employees for access to Restricted Data, the situation remains as it was at the time of our letter to the Bureau of the Budget. The question is purely legal in nature, and we had hoped that existing law would be construed to permit establishment of satisfactory clearance arrangements. If not it would seem to us to be in the interest of all concerned to seek a solution through legislation.

We agree that this would be an appropriate time to review the situation so that if legislation is required it can be ready for introduction as soon as the Congress convenes. Our representatives who are most directly concerned with this matter are Mr. Houston, General Counsel [redacted]. They would be glad to meet with your representatives at the earliest opportunity.

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Sincerely,

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